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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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The listed references include the publication of co-pending application, Ser. No. 11/916,674 and references cited therein. WO 2003/074483, WO 2004/065365 and WO 2003/009872 cited in the co-pending '674 application were previously submitted with the IDS filed June 5, 2006 and are not being submitted herewith.

In compliance with the requirement for a concise statement of relevance for foreign language documents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicant submits an English-language abstract for listed WO references as well as EP 1 586 564.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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